

Document Title: Draft 2015 Annual Report for Habitat Management and Environmental Monitoring at the Smoky Canyon Mine Tailings Impoundments				
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General Comments						
Specific Comments						
WC		3	Section 2.1	Indicate the target vegetation that was identified by Simplot's contractor to spray with Opensight herbicide.		
SF/JM		4	Section 2.2	Brood Count Monitoring and Nesting Location Scoping: This section should provide an explanation, either in the body of the text or in a footnote, as to why brood count monitoring was completed in 2015, 6 years after the last survey effort (instead of the 5 years identified in the Revised Plan). Recall that comments provided by the Fish and Wildlife Service in March 2008 on the Annual 06-07 Habitat Management Report including		





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				specifications that "Nesting location scoping surveys should be conducted by qualified wildlife biologists, not Simplot staff or the weed sprayer. " Because the 2014 nesting survey was conducted by Simplot staff, the surveys needed to be re-done in the spring of 2015.		
WC		5	Section 2.4	The text notes that there were two other cameras placed but did not produce pictures. Indicate general location for reference and include locations on Figure 2-3.		
WC		6	Section 2.5	Predator Decoys were described as being used. Indicate location that the decoys were used. In this section discuss further actions that will be done to improve effectiveness of predator decoys in decreasing nesting activities.		
SF/JM		9	Section 3.1.2	Groundwater, page 9, last paragraph, 1 <sup>st</sup> sentence: The sentence is incomplete, please revise.		
SF/JM		Tables Section	Table 1-1	There appears to be a superscript error in the 'Who' column, under the 'Brood Count Monitoring...' row. Please revise.		
SF/JM		Tables Section	Table 3-2	The table should be proofed to ensure superscripts are used within the Table and defined appropriately at the end of the Table. For example, superscript 1 doesn't appear to be defined appropriately for the selenium standard, and it		

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				does not appear that superscript 2 was used at all within the Table.		
WC		Figures Section	Figure 2-1	For the nesting sites indicate the nest # and the type of nest.		
WC		Figures Section	Figure 2-2B	For the nesting sites indicate the nest # and the type of nest.		
WC		Figures Section	Figure 2-3	The text notes that there were two other cameras placed but did not produce pictures. Indicate general location for reference and include locations on Figure 2-3.		
SF/JM		Appendix A Pg 1	Section 1.0	See comment above on Section 2.2. Text should be provided here capturing the explanation for why surveys were conducted on a 6 year interval, not 5 as agreed to in the Revised Plan.		
SF/JM		Appendix A Pg 1	Section 2.0	Previous nesting survey efforts were not limited to 50 feet from the tailings impoundment. Likewise, in 2015 the USFWS did not recommend extending survey efforts outside of the 50-foot buffer. See previous Annual Reports (e.g., Annual Report 2008-2009 – Table 1-1 – Footnote 3) for previous documentation indicating that the survey efforts should not be limited to a 50-foot buffer.		
WC		Appendix A PG 2	Section 3.0	In Table 1 – Please provide estimated time frame of the deceased goslings and possible cause if known.		
WC		Appendix	Section 3.0	Indicate if the locations of the 2015		



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		dix A		nests are the same or closely similar location of nest observed in prior years.		
WC		Appendix B	Pictures	Pictures are low resolution and noticeably pixelated. Provide a higher resolution version.		
WC		Appendix B	Page B-2	Indicate the viewing direction and location for the Robert's creek photos.		
WC		Appendix B	Section 1	Which pond(s) are these photos taken? Describe approximate location, and viewing direction.		
WC		Appendix B	Section 2	Which pond(s) are these photos taken? Describe approximate location, and viewing direction.		
WC		Appendix B	Section 3	Camera maintenance should be present or increased. Text describes that half the cameras were not functional during the season and July and August photos are obscured by vegetation on the other operating cameras.		